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Dear Mr. Silver,

Enclosed is the book you asked for and a list of the others.

While I like the idea of your topic and conceive it as making a worthwhile book it does not tell me enough to suggest which if any of the other books you may want. I do think the other of the more significant executive session transcripts, that of 1/22/64, and other Commission and staff papers reproduced in facsimile in Post Mortem will be ehlpful if not necessary. I suggest the closest attention to the subtleties of both transcripts as well as the obvious.

I'm sorry I have no speaking engagements for your area or we might discuss this more. There are many little recognized but important elements. The Commission did not have its own investigators so it was dominated by what the executive agencies did and did not do. Its staff was worse than cowardly so with an overly-committed Commission and Hoover's power and the fear in which he was held (explicit in the 1/27/64 transcript) Hoover had all the noses ringed.

Two full executive-session transcripts plus 10 pages of a third have been withheld from me. I have filed for them, with Jim Lesar as my lawyer. (C.A.75-1448, federal district court for the District of Columbia.) No date has been set for anything and the government has not produced the proof required by the law. It is all in the preliminary stages.

You should understand what Post Mortem leaves without doubt, that the Commission never had any intention of conducting an investigation. It began with a conclusion. Its work was directed to the problem of making the impossible appear to be possible. The media and its acceptance of the unacceptable in my view becomes part of the decision-making process.

In this case there was no innocence anywhere or on any official level.

Best regards,

Harold Weisberg